

Briefly Told

A priest of Paris sent away from the altar a bride who came attired in a skirt which reached only to her knees. "I cannot marry you in that attire," said he; "this is not a dance hall."

The one ever-present bird across the American continent, says John Burroughs, is the mourning dove.

A country clothing merchant in Michigan reports that his efforts to sell suits and overcoats at reasonable prices has failed. A suit or overcoat upon which he was content to make \$10 profit, would not sell. But by adding a \$30 profit, he speedily disposed of his whole stock.

Edith Cavell's dog has been found in Belgium. After wandering over the country during the war it finally chose a country home, where upon its neck was discovered inscribed three words—"Miss Edith Cavell."

For subletting two rooms in a house which he rented, a resident of Halifax was fined one cent by the courts.

The faucets of English bath tubs are like young hydrants, and the drain plug as large as a pie-plate. The tub can be filled with a roar and emptied with a rush.

Sweet Briar, the \$200,000 mare, came from France in a padded cabin and, in spite of coal bans, was allowed a special train to her new American residence at Binghamton, N. Y. Five servants and a doctor accompanied Sweet Briar on her journey.

The chauffeurs of New York, calling themselves the Society of Professional Automobile Engineers, are building a luxurious five-story clubhouse in that city.

Alexander Priestly Camphor, who was born of slave parents in Alabama, and became educated through the heroic efforts of his father, and finally achieved a bishopric in the Methodist Episcopal Church, died recently in the United States. In obedience to his father's dying wish he worked for the tribes of Africa.

It now appears that Napoleon never said, "God is on the side of the heaviest battalions," but that "Fortune is on the side of the last reserve."

Only a few days ago the country seemed bent headlong on war with Mexico. "Advance tips" were actually sent out that intervention would occur. It develops, however, that the intervention plan was the joint creation of Secretary Lansing and the Senate. The President, hearing of the contemplated war, wrote about 25 words that called it off.

The upstate New York canning factories are robbing the New York stage of chorus girls. The chorus pays \$15 to \$25 a week. The canneries pay \$35 to \$50.

Students of the problem are beginning to suggest that the 20 per cent slump in efficiency on the part of labor is only apparent. Production, they say, has only returned to the human normal. The 20 per cent is charged to previous abnormal and injurious strain.

William Hohenzollern is now frequently seen hunting with the Dutch prince consort, husband of Queen Wilhelmina. The prince consort is German. Holland papers are beginning to comment warningly on the subject.

A hall of fame for trees is being established. "Who's Who Among American Trees" is being compiled by the American Forestry Association. A Maryland oak, an Ohio acacia, a Pennsylvania elm are among trees already admitted. Age, association, symmetry and beauty are some of the points of eligibility.

Northern Manitoba promises to become one of the most valuable mining regions in the world. Already \$200,000,000 worth of iron ore is at hand, and the largest copper mine in the Dominion is not far distant.

Students of Depauw University prevented the closing of that institution on account of the coal shortage, by going into the country and cutting down trees for fuel. Girl students provided lunch for the scholastic wood-choppers.

Shipyards of the United States built 143 vessels in November.

The price of lions and tigers has gone up. A good tiger is now worth from \$300 to \$400, an increase of \$200 in a few years.

Over 216,000 women in the British Isles were widowed by the war.

A fact which did not appear very prominently in American reports of Lady Nancy Astor's campaign for Parliament is that she ran and was elected on a total abstinence, or prohibition, platform.

"Miss Liberty," a goldfish of the Detroit aquarium at Belle Isle, is noted for her progeny, the sale of which is always brisk. The infant goldfish are marked red, white and blue.

After condemning our form of government and our mode of life for many years, after extolling the beauty and achievement of Russian Bolshevism ever since it came into prominence, Emma Goldman fought strenuously to remain here, even claiming that her marriage made her a naturalized citizen. It is about as sincere a compliment as American freedom could be paid.

After being received with doubt and denial, the reports of a pogrom against the Jews at Podol, Russia, October 18 to 20, have been confirmed by Bonar Law in the British Parliament.

"The shimmering lights of clandestine romance, fitfully flickering out their final glow in the hollow, smoking sockets of the divorce court"—thus a western newspaper reporter begins his daily tale. So why be dubious about the future of American literature?

The Detroit and Wayne County posts of the American Legion rescinded their action prohibiting "Bill" Haywood from appearing in Detroit. The straightforward American reasoning that was adopted by the meeting was this: "The Constitution guarantees us free speech, and we are all wrong when, without hearing a man, we refuse to let him speak simply because he is a radical."

At the Kreisler concert given under Cornell University auspices at Ithaca, N. Y., the lighting wires were cut by former American soldiers who objected to his appearance. To an accompaniment of cries of "Hun! Hun!" outside the hall, Kreisler played for 40 minutes in the dark.

Expressed in American terms, German money dropped until it was worth 10 cents on the dollar, and British money until it was worth 75 cents on the dollar.

Bessie Abbott, opera singer who died last February, is found to have left an estate of \$137,891.

A very suggestive heading is this: "Wages Without Work the Chief Cause of the High Cost of Living."

Announcement of the refusal of the United States Senate to approve a League of Nations was made in London by Alfred J. Balfour in these words: "One of the greatest of our allies feels that it cannot go through with us to the end in this process of reconstruction."

Americanization has hit the hotels, too. It's "menu" no longer, but "bill of fare." "Kitchen" has ousted "cuisine." You may now "order in American."

The committee having charge of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize, has decided that nothing was done in 1918 or 1919 to justify bestowing the prize.

"King Edward, besides his wonderful likeness to King Henry the Eighth, had that great king's remarkable attribute of combining autocracy with almost a socialistic tie with the masses. I said to His Majesty once, 'Sir, that was a real low form of cunning on your Majesty's part sending to ask after Keir Hardie's stomach-ache!' By jove, he went for me like a mad bull! and replied, 'You don't understand me! I am the king of all the people! No one has got me in their pockets, as some of them think they have!' and he proceeded with names I can't quote!"—Lord Fisher.

A new class vote is foreshadowed in the effort to obtain "academic sentiment" on the subject of the Peace Treaty by having the faculties and students of 700 colleges ballot upon it.

Bulgaria has imprisoned 300 war profiteers, among them a dozen former Cabinet ministers.

Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania has declared war on all attempts to relax the Sabbath laws of the state. "The American Sabbath is one of the institutions we must preserve if we are going to preserve Americanism as we understand it. The organized effort to break down the Sabbath law in Pennsylvania will not succeed."

Viscount Edward Grey will abandon his "special mission" to the United States. He is said to have been chagrined by his inability to present his credentials to President Wilson.

Berlin "Vorwaerts," commenting on the marginal remarks written by the kaiser on books and documents, says: "Whoever reads the former emperor's marginal remarks will have no doubt that Germany before the war was ruled by next to a madman."

The platform of the National Conference of Liberals contains 150 words and is printed on a postcard. It deals with natural resources, transportation, taxes, speculation, labor questions and land.

Hyacinthe, the \$5,000 Persian cat of Mrs. Carlos de Heredias was burned at Lenox, Mass., in a metallic casket with ceremonial accompaniments.

"Hydatid cyst from a dog. Persons may get it by letting pet dogs kiss them," is a note of medical wisdom from London.

Great Britain still reports 335,000 unemployed discharged soldiers.

The question of bringing home from Europe the bodies of American soldiers has been revived. Bodies will be brought from England after January 1. The French Government insists that two years must elapse before disinterment can be undertaken in that country.

The class in commercial engineering at the Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, presented its professor with a new pair of shoes. He says a suit of clothes would be welcome, too, his salary is so small.

Bar fixtures are crowding the storage houses of large cities. It is suggested that the former booze furniture, being made of the finest woods, might be worked into household or banking furniture.

The spring and winter wheat production in Kansas for 1919 amounted to 146,109,192 bushels.

Forty-eight Irish newspapers have been suppressed, and 28 denied foreign circulation.

The biggest liquor corporation in the United States is seeking permission to pay dividends in whisky to its stockholders.

A 1,400-year-old law of the Emperor Justinian was lately evoked to determine the ownership of a swarm of bees. Justinian ruled that a swarm of bees belonged to a man who could see and pursue them. Otherwise they belonged to the next man who saw them. A modern court was unable to improve the rule.

Kuno Meyer, the Celtic scholar, who was representative of German kultur in an Irish university, is dead at Berlin.

Mrs. Lloyd George is campaigning for "no license," (local option) in Scotland.

U-Boat Commander Hans Rose is the one German submarine captain with whom officers of the American navy would be willing to shake hands, says Admiral Sims. Though he sank more Allied ships than anyone, he never failed afterward to show, even at great risk to himself, a decency of instinct which kept his name clean among his adversaries.

Of the 6,655 employees of the Glasgow tramways, 3,507 served in the war, and 517 were killed.

The French press is giving unstinted praise to Pere Meeus, a Belgian Jesuit priest who was one of the most able spies the Allies had. He forwarded 1,200,000 letters from Belgian soldiers to their wives in the invaded districts. Co-operating with Nurse Cavell, he helped thousands into the Belgian army. Learning that it was the custom of German officers to give a dinner just before air raids on London, he became pastry cook in an officers' mess, learned all air raid plans which he forwarded to London and also discovered the German submarine bases.

The expression "Almighty dollar" was coined by Washington Irving.

The militarist party in Germany is jubilant over the defeat of the Peace Treaty in the American Senate.

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